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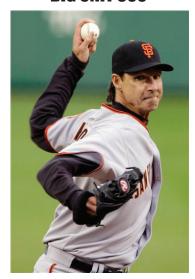


South Korean Navy vessels patrol near South Korea's western Yeonpyong Island, near the disputed sea border with North Korea, Thursday June 4, 2009. A North Korean patrol boat briefly Thursday intruded into South Korean waters across their disputed western sea border, Seoul's Joint Chiefs of Staff said.

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BIG UNIT 300



San Francisco Giants starting pitcher Randy Johnson throws against the Washington Nationals during the first inning of a baseball game, Thursday, June 4, 2009, in Washington. See Sports Today



Friday, June 5, 2009

PM of Antilles and PM of Aruba met with each other



ORANJESTAD - Recently, Prime Minister of Aruba Mr. Nelson Oduber received a visit from his colleague of the Antilles, the Prime Minister Mrs. Emily de Jongh-Elhage. During this encounter they spoke over the plans in regards of the State structure and the relations between the Antilles and Aruba.

Amongst the topics was the letter dated May 25th that the Secretary of State, Mrs. Ank Bijveld sent to the Eerste and Tweede Kamer. Prime Minister Oduber brought forth that under no circumstance would his Administration accept an investigation by The Netherlands, seeing as any investigation in the matter of corruption is an internal matter that would be investigate by the District Attorney offices of Aruba. His Administration however is open to discuss Article

43, bylaw 2 of the Statute, which regards to the state of Rights and good Governing. The government however must provide concrete evidence that is not based on hearsay or gossip.

As for the future between The Antilles and Aruba, Aruba will always keep cooperating with Curação in removing itself from the two Governing bodies as well as aiding both Curação and St. Maarten in obtaining their Status Aparte, without these changes endangering our country. Certain differences of opinion still remained after this sit-down these however are nothing major.

The meeting between the two dignitaries was a positive one with a show of mutual respect for each other.

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PALM BEACH - For a relaxing and delicious evening under the stars, come to a sensational Summer Food Fest at MooMba Beach!

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include grilled chicken & ribs, churrasco steak, keshi yena, tapas and seafood. With a bar and live music, the AGA Summer Food Fest promises to be a perfect fun night out for both visitors and

MooMba is the name of a carnival that's held annually in Melbourne since 1955. One of its distinctive features is a procession of floats etc. through the streets of the city.

The term is popularly regarded as being an Aboriginal word have fun'. MooMba is located on

meaning 'let's get together and the beach in between the Marriott and Holiday Inn resorts.



Aruba TODAY

A new service introduced, and buy one get one Free Breakfasts

Segafredo Café now offers lunch delivery

SOUTHBEACHCENTRE-Segafredo and naturally, coffee anytime, and Café in the South Beach Centre, Café at the South Beach Centre just not just any old brew. announced that it is offering free lunch From the cultivation of the delivery of sandwiches and drinks coffee plants and the selection

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Centre offers more than just delicious worldwide. coffee. It serves dinner, drinks, frozen And the central location and cocktails, beer, munchies, snacks, lunch friendly décor of the Segafredo Brioches and Muffins to Classic

of the berries in the Segafredo results, producing the most famous Segafred Café at the South Beach and appreciated Italian coffee

makes it perfect as a place for friends!

The menu says manager Sartini Kousmaker offers Coffee, Hot and Iced Coffee Drinks, Coffee Specialties, Tea, Fruit Smoothies, Champagne Cocktails, Fine Wines by the Glass, Imported Beers, Premium Martinis, **Tropical** Cocktails & Frozen Libations.

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Toasts, and Paninis

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After-dinner Tiramisu, Apple Pie, Chocolate Cake and Italian Ice-Cream, may be enjoyed late into the night.

Whether its healthy bar food that you're seeking or simply coffee, Segafredo is an outdoor Italian café where locals and visitors meet and mingle and Friday's HAPPY HOUR has become an institution, with a perfect selection of house music and a full bar, to dine, drink and people-watch!

The Segafredo coffee bar at the airport's departure lounge also has a wide range of quality refreshments from the classic Italian espresso to desserts, gelato, and paninis, salads, appetizers, beer and wine. For more information:

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salad bar, giving dieters plenty to

choose from to accompany the

fresh lettuces and vegetables may be standard for most salad bars, but Texas de Brazil's version goes a gourmet twist further, treating the palate to additional items like marinated portabella mushrooms, sweet roasted bell peppers, hearts of palm, sundried tomatoes, imported cheeses-including fresh buffalo mozzarella—sushi, homemade soups, and much more. The salad bar is included in the continuous service meal with unlimited choices from the grilled meats, but for vegetarians or the non-meat eaters, a special price is offered for just the salad bar. Of course, for those looking to splurge while on vacation, Texas de Brazil will gladly serve their garlic mashed potatoes, traditional fried plantains, and their world-famous parmesan cheese bread as part of the meal.

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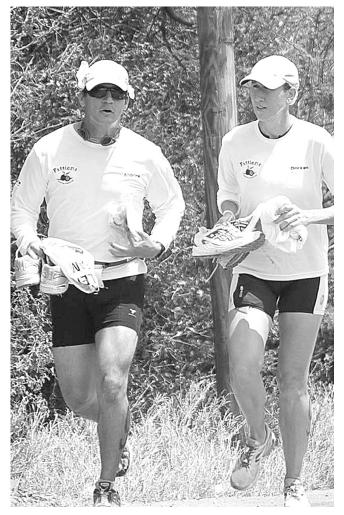




UC team credits the support of Amsterdam Manor for its strong showing







ORANJESTAD – Mention the Amsterdam Manor and it elicits an image of the charming vacation setting of an intimate resort set along picturesque Eagle Beach. But this past Sunday, Amsterdam Manor represented a team of four individuals determined to cross swaths of the island's rugged interior and successfully complete the adventure race of the annual Ultimate Challenge event. Amsterdam Manor team members, Jeroen van der Linden, Edwin Hekman, Doreen Kralick and Captain, Aldrick Maduro, managed to place a very respectable fourth place in a time of 5 hours, 33 minutes. They credit their success to the support received from the popular resort of Amsterdam Manor.

Amsterdam Manor is a family-owned and operated resort. As well as playing a role within Aruba's tourism industry, members of the Van Schaijk family are also involved in various sporting activities. Jurgen van Schaijk is a runner who has competed both in Aruba and abroad, and his father, Piet, is a well-known cyclist. When it came to the creation of an Amsterdam Manor Ultimate Challenge Team, Jurgen graciously provided backing as well as hands-on assistance as a Support Crew member. Byron Boekhoudt also proved an asset to the team as a volunteer on the Support Crew.

Although each of the members of the Amsterdam Manor Team had, at different points, participated in different sporting activities together, most often with the MTB'ing cycling group of the "Dikke Buiken Club", it was the first time that they competed together on an Ultimate Challenge team. With the backing of the Amsterdam Manor, the team enjoyed an excellent race.

Jeroen, Edwin, Doreen and Aldrick wish to thank Amsterdam Manor for its support as well as express its words of appreciation also for the Utimate Challenge organizers, Peter Simon and Andy Gomes. Their excellent organization of the race, together with the generous contributions of time and talent from the EMS teams and volunteers, made for another exciting edition of the Ultimate Challenge.







Aruba Hosting International Tennis Tournament

ORANJESTAD - Our island has the honor of hosting the internationally known tennis tournament for youngsters called TIHTA. Aruba will welcome young tennis professionals from all around the world to compete during the week of June 28 to July 5, 2009.

This is the 23rd consecutive

year that this tournament is held in Aruba and the 14th year of the ITF Aruba International Junior Tennis Tournament.

TIHTA stands for Torneo International Hubenildi Tennis na Aruba. This tournament is recognized and supervised by the members and referees of the

year that this tournament ITF, the International Tennis is held in Aruba and the Federation.

This international tennis competition will take place at the Aruba Racquet Club and there will be young tennis professionals from our island participating as well. This is the only tournament held in Aruba where players are able to gain scores for their

COTECC ranking, which is the official tennis ranking of Central America and the Caribbean under 14, as well as those playing under 18 are able to collect ITF ranking points.

This year there will be about 150 participants from countries such as Trinidad & Tobago, Venezuela, Colombia, Suriname, Brazil, Poland, China, Japan, Australia, U.S.A., Russia, the Bahamas, Barbados and Aruba.

The COTECC ranking is for all tennis players under the age category of 10, 12 and 14 years. In the past years, Aruba managed to rank at the number 1 position in singles and doubles. Clifford Giel and Jose Muguruza were the ones who managed these prestigious ranks.

For the age group of 18 and under, the tennis players receive points for ITF ranking, this is ranking on international level. That is

the reason why young tennis professionals from all around the world participate in this important sports event.

For young local tennis players who would like to participate in this official ranking competition, there is still time to sign up!!

Players category under 18 and under 14, have the opportunity to sign up until June 8. They can contact the secretary of the Aruba Lawn Tennis Bond, Monique Bouwer at telephone 592-5215.

During this same week, and at the same location, the Aruba Racquet Club, there is also a tournament for the younger tennis players. This tournament is for the categories Under 12 years, Under 10 years and Under 8 years. Players can sign up for this tournament until June 24, and contact Marieke Buuts at 567-6088 for more information.





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Ahoy Matey bring this ad in for a free glass of house wine

ORANJESTAD - Recently Aruba Tourism Authority had the pleasure to honor Mr. & Mrs. Paul y Frances Quirk as distinguished guests of the island of Aruba. In a pleasant ambiance Mrs. Mandy Lopez, PR Coordinator for Aruba Tourism Authority, offered the certificate in the presence of Mrs. Frea Kraag, executive administrative assistant of the Marriott Aruba Surf Club and thanked on behalf of the Aruban Government for their continued support to Aruba.

They were delighted with the acknowledgement and expressed that they enjoyed our island especially the people who where so kind They mentioned that and caring. they have traveled to several other Caribbean destinations thou none however matched Aruba. We would like to once more congratulate the couple as well as the staff of Marriott Aruba Surf Club for their excellent job.



4rubu TODAY

Winner of Marriott's Bartender Contest 2009 Receives Afl. 1,000 Check



representative Junior Montaner, Pepia representative Rambert de Lange, 1st place winner Humberto Perez of Senor Frogs, Marriott's representatives Jessica Bussenius



Pepia Est. representative Rambert de Lange handing the Afl. 1,000 check to 1st place winner Humberto Perez.

PALM BEACH - On May 28th, representatives of the Aruba Marriott and a representative of Pepia Est. handed over a 1,000 Aruban florins check to winner of Marriott's "Spirit of the Caribbean Summer 2009 Bartender Contest".

Senor Frog's bartender Humberto Perez won the bartender contest, which was held on May 22nd at Marriott's Grand Ballroom, for his cocktail "Jello Sunrise". Pepia Est. representative Rambert de Lange, who provided the cash prize, handed the check to grand winner Humberto. Second place winner in the bartender event was Dino Inecia of Talk of the Town with his drink "Monster Flame". Marriott's La Vista bartender Ivan de Jesus



Marriott's representatives Junior Montaner, Amit Sen and Jessica Bussenius together with winner Humberto of Senor Frogs.

became 3rd place winner with his cocktail "Dream Kisses".

You are invited to Marriott's renovated La Vista restaurant where you'll find Ivan behind the bar. Come and visit him and Ivan will be happy to mix his favorite, prizewinning cocktail for

In addition, during the month of June all three Marriott properties offer a \$5 special on all flavored Absolute Vodka mixed drinks. The Aruba Marriott would like to thank main sponsors Pepia Est. and Monster for their participation in the bartender event and support.

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Renaissance Mall Transformed into a true jewel during their "Flower Cocktail Party"









ORANJESTAD - Renaissance Mall organized a delightful flower filled evening.

The mall was completely decorated with a great variety of flowers from the local flower shops. Ideas flower shop, Flortique, Violeta Flower shop, Elsa's Flower shop, Hester Flower shop y Décor Flower Shop where those whom participated in this contest on the unforgettable night in question.

Flower adorned models walked amongst the many areas of the mall, while tables decked out with flowers were showcased with snacks for the invitees.

There was also an art exposition of our own locals during this event that was very well attended and the invitees enjoyed a very nice and pleasant evening.















Ken and Jean Mitchell Honored in Aruba

ORANJESTAD – Recently Aruba Tourism Authority had the pleasure to honor Mr. and Mrs. Ken and Jean Mitchell as distinguished guests of the island of Aruba. In an enjoyable ambiance Mrs. Mandy Lopez, PR Coordinator for Aruba Tourism Authority, offered the certificate in the presence of Mr. Farley Croes, Activities coordinator and Mrs. Judella Kelly, Front Office agent, both employees of the Caribbean Palm Village. During the ceremony those present where thanked on behalf of the Aruban Government for their support to Aruba.

They were pleased with the acknowledgement and expressed that they enjoyed our island especially the people who where so kind and caring. They also stated that they have traveled to other Caribbean islands none

however matched Aruba.
We would like to once more congratulate the couple as well as the staff of the Caribbean Palm Village for their excellent job.

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War you have no right to
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War forgive so you will be forgiven
be smart receiving all from heaven.

War we know your place of planning that's inside ourselves keep moving
War you are trying to take our peace walking with Jesus we shall be free

War can you see the dead in your hand the sadness and pain all over the Land War your own children you are killing instead of giving Love, Hope for living.

War you have a chance to clean your fear take your time to open your eyes and ear
War , Life is a precious gift with intensity
fill it now with Faith , Hope , Love and "CHARITY."

AUTHOR: OMAIRA I RODRIGUEZ-BRITTEN



Aruba TODAY

At Divi Phoenix Aruba Resort

Charlie & Jeanette say "I Do"









PALM BEACH - Charlie Chaprales and Jeanette Filling of Cape Cod, Massachusetts tied the knot in Aruba. The lovebirds met through the best man Eric who has been Charlie's best friend since 2nd grade. Eric and Jeanette work together and one night Charlie happened to be there. Eric introduced them and afterwards Jeanette asked Eric many questions about Charlie. After a few months had gone by Eric gave Charlie her number. They met at Jeanette apartment one night and watched a movie and then they were attached at the hip ever since. In March 2008 while on vacation in West Palm Beach, Florida, Charlie proposed on the second night at dinner. The staff had placed the ring on the dessert and at that moment Charlie got down on one knee and asker Jeanette to be his bride.

The planning started right away, they decided on a destination wedding. Since they both vacationed in Aruba in 2006 they decided that it would be the perfect place for their wedding. The wedding details were in the great hands of Lissy Lampe of Ceremonies and Celebrations in Aruba.

The beach blessing took place on May 30th, 2009 at Divi Phoenix Aruba Resort. The arch was decorated in turquoise which made a perfect combination with the bridal party. The ceremony was delivered by officiate Andy Osbourne and witnessed by family and friends. Following the exchange of vows and rings they were announced husband & wife. The newlyweds happily walked down the aisle as Mr.& Mrs. Chaprales. The sunset was perfect as Angela of Bella Aruba Photography captured those once in a lifetime images to last a lifetime. The dinner reception was held at the new addition of Divi Phoenix "Pure Beach." One word describes the location "Breathtaking."

The newlyweds cut into the two tier wedding cake and danced their first song as husband and wife. Dinner was served and DJ Tino made sure the guests danced an evening of bliss under the stars.

"We are very glad we chose a destination wedding because we had the time of our lives at our wedding! We couldn't have asked for anything better." replied the newlyweds.

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invited by the ACB, the Aruba Resort until Sunday.



Convention Bureau and will be staying at the Renaissance Aruba Pictured here their swanky welcome reception, a Sunset in Style event, which unfolded at the Renaissance Marina Hotel, on the lovely pool deck, serving a variety of butler-

passed hors d' oeuvres such as Peppered Beef with spicy Fruit Salsa, Smoked Salmon Tartar in Chinese Spoons, Maki Sushi and Nigiri Sushi, Chicken Pot Stickers with Ginger Soy Sauce, over premium martini and coolers, to live DJ lounge music. Sunset in Style was followed by a site inspection of the resort with General Manager Paul Gielen. The dignitaries were also joined by the local hospitality movers and shakers from other resort properties, the Renaissance ACB partners, who were also introduced to the group at the party. Ariana Santiago Gonzalez, Sales Manager, Renaissance Aruba Resort & Casino reports that the dignitaries have all booked clients before to the Caribbean in small and large groups and hail from all over the

















Political summit to adjust timing set for June 21-25

COLE BAY--A political summit of the Central Government, St. Maarten and Curação about adjusting the scheduled tasks for dismantling of the Netherlands Antilles is being planned for June 21-25.

Constitutional and Home Affairs Minister Roland Duncan (NA) told the Central Committee of Parliament Tuesday that the constitutional "train" was on track but the schedule for dismantling and transfer of tasks had not been met.

The political summit's main focus will be for parties to decide how to adjust the schedule and "decide where we are going." The summit will put parties on the same page as they go into the Political Steering Group meeting with the Dutch Government in Curação on June 26.

Duncan hopes a definite date for the acquisition of country status for St. Maarten and Curaçao will be formalised with "a fixed written and signed agreement" with the Dutch Government. The Central and Island Governments have been working toward the date of January 1, 2010, but the Dutch Government now believes this date is not feasible.

The dismantling process was at a standstill because of the referendum in Curaçao, the minister said in the meeting at Port de Plaisance that had been requested by Parliamentarian William Marlin of the National Alliance (NA). Marlin had also proposed that the meeting be held in St. Maarten. The meeting was broadcast live on Radio Soualiga.

"Everyone took a deep breath," the minister said explaining that the Curaçao referendum had an impact on the other islands because major decisions had to be held off.

Duncan said once the bulk of the Central Government authorities was transferred to the islands there would be no need for an election for the Parliament of the Netherlands Antilles in January because the Central Government would become non-existent.

St. Maarten and Curaçao will then have to prepare for their first parliamentary elections later this year even if the country status is not officially achieved.

Country Status will become effectively only after Kingdom Charter (Statuut) is changed to reflect the new countries and the amended charter is signed by the Queen. The date for this is not known and Duncan doubts that the change can be made by January 1, 2010, the date toward which the islands have been working to achieve the status of country.

A meeting with Dutch officials and civil servants of the BES islands Bonaire, St. Eustatius and Saba that will set the groundwork and formulate advice about speeding up the dismantling process for these islands is planned for today, Wednesday. This "speeding up" advice will form

part of the June 26 Political Steering Group meeting, Duncan said.

The minister does not expect the government crises in Bonaire and St. Maarten to affect the constitutional process. An NA-led government in St. Maarten will more likely "enhance" the process and speed, he pointed out. However, it is too early to say what effects a new government in Bonaire will have on the process.

The Central Government has worked hard to date to ensure all the Consensus Kingdom laws have been completed and forwarded to the Council of State for vetting and approval.

After the minister's session in Parliament, Marlin said Duncan had not given much clarity on the process. However, given the upcoming political steering group meeting on June 26 and the planned political summit prior to this, he said the update would suffice for now.





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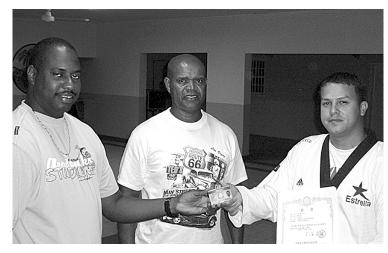
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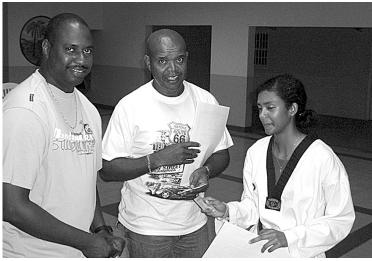
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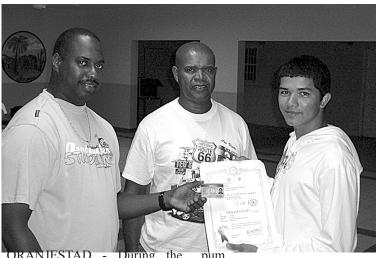


Wax on Wax off

Aruba Taekwondo Association Handing Out Of Dan-Certificate







board-meeting that took place on June 02 2009 at the clubhouse of Aruba Taekwondo Bond (ARTBO), President of ARTBO, Kwan Jang Nim Chaco Cornelio, in the presence of other members of the board handed out the the Dan-Certificate to the Instructor and athletes that recently successfully passed their exams. The recipients of the Dan-Certificate were:

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Angelo Dario BIKKER – 2nd dan

Raymond RASMIJN – 2nd dan Daniel BIKKER – 1st

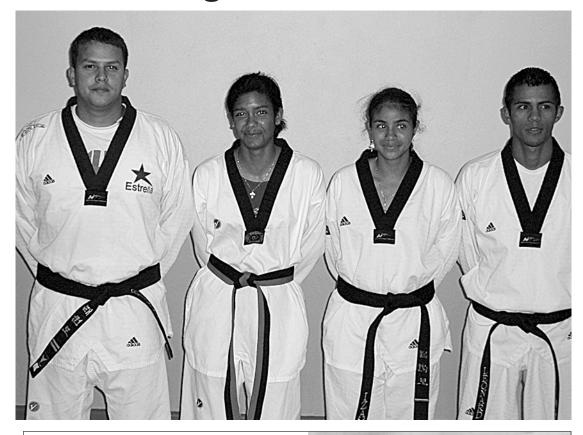
dan
Leonard JANGA – 1st

dan Izamar JANGA – 1st

dan Thais RODRIGUEZ – 1ste ARTBO congratulates those who achieved this and announces that the next Dan-exams will take place in the month of July.

In the Picture from left to right: Rowalt de Mey, Angelo Bikker, Master Eric Barry, Thais Rodriguez, Grand Master Jose Cornelio, Leonard Janga, Moises Fernandez, Raymond Rasmijn, Izamar Janga y Dr Guaicaipuro Jiménez





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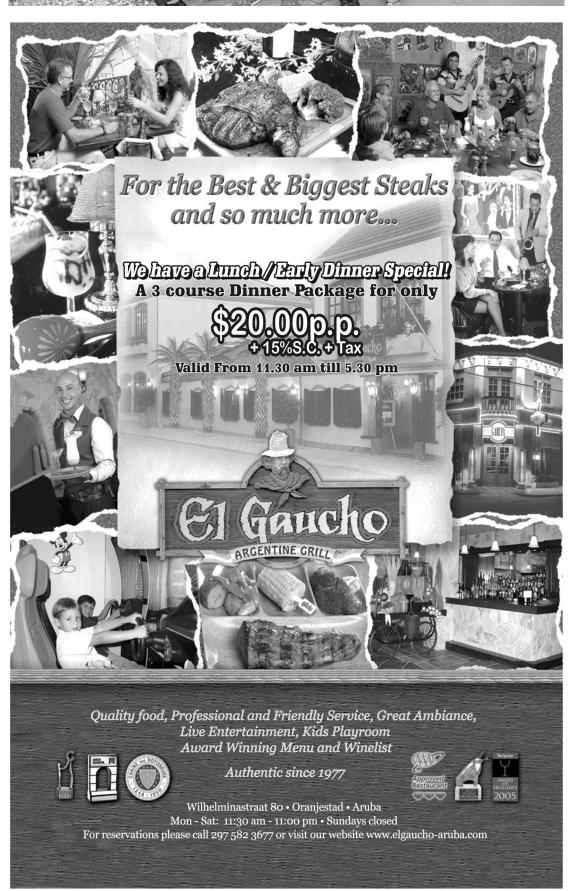
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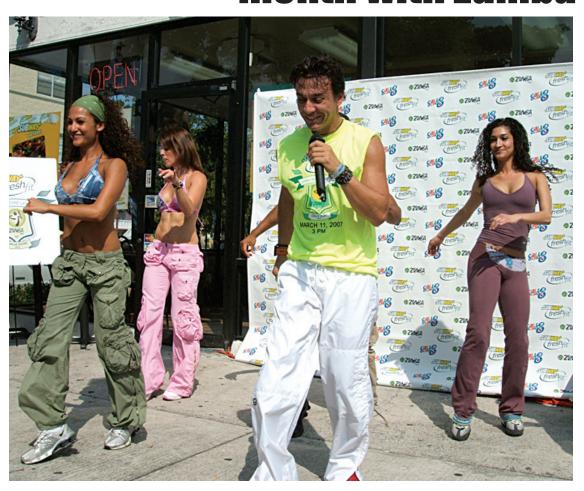
We would like to once more congratulate the couple as well as the staff of the Caribbean Palm Village for their excellent job. By: Darrell Busby







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Launching at Nobushi Restaurant in the Paseo Herencia Mall

Weekly female paper "Di Shopping" is now available









PASEO HERENCIA - Last week Thursday a female invasion took place of Nobushi as to celebrate together with the editors, the official launching of the paper for women named 'Di Shopping'. During the tremendously animated and lovely cocktail party, women of all generations and different branches of society got to know this publication, which from now on will be available weekly.

On every Monday, 'Di Shopping' will present a content that is totally dedicated to females, their interests and concerns. This means that it will offer up ample selection of topics from the slightest like fashion, beauty, sexuality and physical condition, to the more profound and intellectual like politics, self-improvement, work, health and more.

'Di Shopping' is a production of Diana and Danny Biemans, whom Thursday night functioned as excellent hosts to their invitees. Aside from this there was also live music of an excellent female singer and many prizes were handed out amongst those present. Luck seemed to favor the well-known ex-queen of Carnaval, Edilienne Donker, whom left for home with many prizes.

Aruba Today & Bon Dia Aruba, two of the productions of Caribbean Speed Printing, who have in their charge the job of printing the publication 'Di Shopping' will join with other companies and establishments in wishing success to the entire team behind this new paper.















On Top Of The News

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Friday, June 3, 2009

Obama seeks common cause with Muslim world

JENNIFER LOVEN AP White House Correspondent

CAIRO (AP) — Stretching out a hand to the Islamic world, President Barack Hussein Obama on Thursday invoked the Quran, his middle name and an American evenhandedness he says too few Muslims see. Obama drew a respectful response from unlikely places — an Iranian cleric called it "an initial step for removing misconceptions."

The president, speaking at a seat of Islamic learning, delivered a 55-minute speech that was heavily promoted, carefully watched and had as its guiding themes the need to "speak the truth" and "seek a new beginning."

"So long as our relationship is defined by our differences, we will empower those who sow hatred rather than peace," the president said.

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U.S. President Barack Obama addresses an audience at the Cairo University in Cairo, Egypt Thursday, June 4, 2009. Associated Press

Two dead, six injured in California lightning storm



A lightning strike at the Southern California Golf Association (SCGA) Golf Course is shown Wednesday June 3, 2009 in Temecula, Calif. Lightning and rain caused a delay at the CIF/SCGA championship at the golf course. A slew of lightning strikes pelted the region late Wednesday afternoon, with one woman hit and killed by one as she stood outside a home in Fontana, Calif. Associated Press

Associated Press Writers
LOS ANGELES (AP) — A
woman walking under a tree was
struck and killed by lightning, in
one of thousands of strikes that
touched off spot fires and injured
seven others as a gusty storm

woman was killed by a falling tree.

Authorities said Tina Bond, 40, was killed by a bolt Wednesday

pounded California. Another

afternoon as she walked along a sidewalk in Fontana, east of Los Angeles.

Police Sgt. Jeff Decker said the bolt blew out the bottoms of the victim's shoes and hurled some of her clothing 30 feet away.



In this Wednesday, Nov. 8, 2006 file photo, actor David Carradine arrives for the 16th annual Environmental Media Awards in Los Angeles. Associated Press

Actor David Carradine found dead in Bangkok

GRANT PECK

Associated Press Writer

BANGKOK (AP) — Actor David Carradine, a born seeker and cult idol who broke through as the willing student called "grasshopper" in the 1970s TV series "Kung Fu" and decades later as leader of an assassin squad in "Kill Bill," was found dead in Thailand. Police said he appeared to have hanged himself.

The 72-year-old actor had been staying in a suite at the luxury Swissotel Nai Lert Park Hotel, said Lt. Teerapop Luanseng, the officer responsible for investigating the death

"I can confirm that we found his body, naked, hanging in the closet," Teerapop said Thursday. He said police were investigating and suspected suicide, though one of Carradine's managers questioned that theory.

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Police swarm Tiananmen Square on anniversary

CHRISTOPHER BODEEN

Associated Press Writers

BEIJING (AP) — In Tiananmen Square, police were ready to pounce at the first sign of protest. In Hong Kong, a sea of candles flickered in the hands of tens of thousands who vented their grief and anger.

Two starkly contrasting faces of China were on display Thursday, the 20th anniversary of the military's bloody crackdown on pro-democracy demonstrators — from Beijing's rigid control in suppressing any dissent, to freewheeling Hong Kong, which enjoys freedoms all but absent on the mainland.

Tiananmen Square was blanketed by uniformed and plainclothes security officers who were ready to silence any potential demonstration, and there were few hints that the vast plaza was the epicenter of a student-led movement that was crushed on June 3-4, 1989, shocking the world.

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Muslim world

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Obama made no specific references to his predecessor in the White House during his Cairo University speech, but others quickly did.

"There is a change between the language of President Obama and previous speeches made by George Bush," said Fawzi Barhoum, a spokesman for Hamas. But he added that Obama did not specifically note the suffering in Gaza following the three-week Israeli incursion earlier this year.

"So all we can say is that there is a difference in the statements, and the statements of today did not include a mechanism that can translate his wishes and views into actions," said Barhoum, whose group the U.S. considers a terrorist organization.

Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei said in advance of the speech that any statements by Obama were just "words, speech and slogan" that would leave in place sanctions designed to persuade the nation to stop its nuclear weapons program.

But Mohammad Ali Abtahi, a cleric who was vice president under reformist President Mohammad Khatami, called the speech "compensation" for a hostile environment created by Bush.

"This can be an initial step for removing misconceptions between world of Islam and the West," he said.

Obama's remarks were designed to reset relations after the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, and the U.S.led war in Iraq. Yet he also called sternly for Israel and the Palestinians to live up to their obligations in seeking peace, demanded Iran bow to international demands to halt its nuclear weapons program, and bid Muslim countries help in eradicating the threat of fundamentalist' violence across the globe.

In doing so, the Christian son of a Kenyan Muslim father and a Kansas mother sought common cause in part by addressing his own roots and using a middle name that opponents used against him at



President Barack Obama tours the pyramids outside Cairo, Thursday, June 4, 2009. Behind him is Egyptian antiquities expert Zahi Hawass. **Associated Press**

inflammatory moments in the presidential campaign.

"Much has been made of the fact that an African-American with the name Barack Hussein Obama could be elected president," he said. "But my personal story is not so unique." He went on to say the dream of America exists for all who come there — including nearly 7 million Muslims.

The Israeli government issued a statement saying it, too, hoped for a new era. But it skirted any reference to Obama's calls for a settlement freeze in the West Bank and the creation of an independent Palestinian state — demands that Israel's hawkish prime minister, Benjamin Netanyahu, continues to reject.

Obama addressed the Israeli-Palestinian dispute pointedly in his address, knowing it goes to the heart of Muslim anger toward the West,

"It is time for us to act on what everyone knows to be true," he said. "Too many tears have flowed. Too much blood has been shed."

Obama's boisterous audience included several members of the nonviolent fundamentalist Muslim Brotherhood, Egypt's most powerful opposition movement. Though banned by the President Hosni Mubarak's government, it holds 20 seats in parliament.

Obama seemed upbeat after he spoke, touring the Great Pyramids at Giza. "This is huge!" he yelled at the base of the biggest, his voice echoing off the stone. Around the corner he joked about getting on a camel — and then several of his closest aides promptly

The president's brief stay in Cairo also included a visit to the Sultan Hassan mosque, a 600-year-old center of Islamic worship and study.

He flew to Europe later in the day, with stops planned in Germany and France before returning to the United States on Sunday.

Obama's remarks were televised on all radio and television stations in Israel: and with Arabic voiceover translations by Arab satellite stations. The Iranian government jammed signals to block satellite owners from watching.

From its opening phrases, the speech was laden with respectful gestures Muslims.

Obama said it was part of his responsibilities as president "to fight against negative stereotypes of Islam wherever they appear."

He quoted the Quran: "Be But calling Iraq, unlike conscious of God and always speak the truth" to underscore his call for a new relationship based on mutual interest and respect. He referred to Iran by its full name, the Islamic Republic of Iran, said Islamic countries had been victimized by colonialism as well as the Cold War era struggle between the United States and the former Soviet Union.

"As a boy, I spent several years in Indonesia and heard the call of the azaan at the break of dawn and the fall of dusk," he said, using the Arabic word for the call to prayer. "As

a young man, I worked in Chicago communities where many found dignity and peace in their Muslim faith."

The battle against terrorists will continue, in Afghanistan, Pakistan and elsewhere, Obama said, despite the animosity the operations have helped created toward the U.S. among Muslims. "America's commitment will not weaken."

Afghanistan, "a war of choice," he explained his plan to withdraw American combat troops next year and his reversal of Bush-era policies in the pursuit of terrorists that have enraged Muslims the world over. Obama said flatly that he has banned torture and will close the detested Guantanamo Bay prison in Cuba next year.

He asked Muslims to join the fight. "The sooner the extremists are isolated and unwelcome in Muslim communities, the sooner we will all be safer," Obama said.

Justice Department admits new mistakes

By DEVLIN BARRETT
Associated Press Writer
WASHINGTON – Attorney
General Eric Holder asked
a court Thursday to release
two imprisoned former
Alaska state lawmakers
after the Justice Department
found prosecutors
improperly handled
evidence in their trials on
corruption charges.

The move is the second embarrassing retreat for Justice Department prosecutors since the conviction of former Alaska Sen. Ted Stevens was tossed out of court in April.

That prompted an internal inquiry into the government lawyers who handled the Stevens case, and officials said Thursday there also would be an investigation of how the cases of the two Alaska state lawmakers were handled. Most of the prosecution team is the same for all three cases.

Now, Holder is asking a federal appeals court to send the cases of former Alaska House Speaker Peter Kott and former state Rep. Victor Kohring back to the trial judge. The attorney general made the request after finding prosecutors had failed to turn over evidence to the defense.

Similar errors sank the case against Stevens, at the time the Senate's longest-serving Republican.

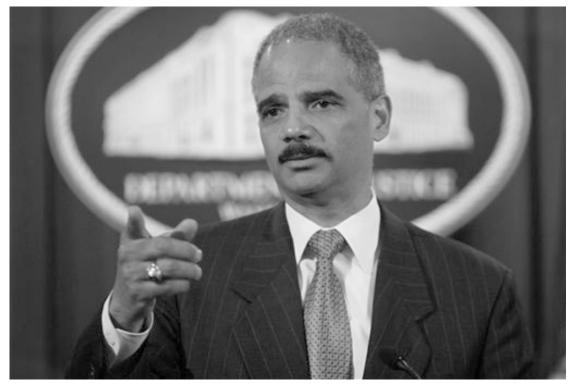
In announcing the move Thursday, the Justice Department said it also was asking the appeals court to release the two men on their own recognizance.

The department is not dropping the charges against Kott and Kohring but is seeking to bring the case back to the trial judge, where defense lawyers will almost certainly seek to have the cases thrown out.

"After a careful review of these cases, I have determined that it appears that the department did not provide information that should have been disclosed to the defense," Holder said in a statement. "When we make mistakes, it is our duty to admit and correct those mistakes."

Kohring was convicted in November 2007 of bribery and extortion-related charges and sentenced in 2008 to 3 1/2 years in prison. Kott was also convicted in 2007 and sentenced to six years in prison. Like Stevens, both are Republicans.

Holder's announcement did not specify what evidence authorities failed to turn over to defense lawyers, but the trials of all three men — Kott, Kohring and Stevens — centered around testimony from the same



Attorney General Eric Holder gestures during a news conference at the Justice Department in Washington, Wednesday, May 20, 2009.

Associated Press

key witness, Bill Allen, the founder of VECO Corp., a major Alaska company that performed maintenance, design and construction contracts for petroleum producers.

Kott and Kohring were tried in Alaska; Stevens was tried in Washington, D.C. Yet they shared many of the same prosecutors, who are now under scrutiny for their conduct in three separate trials at opposite ends of the continent.

Edward Sullivan, James Goeke, Nicholas Marsh and Joseph Bottini worked on all three cases.

Prosecutor Brenda Morris joined the team for the Stevens trial, and their work was supervised by William Welch.

Lawyers for the prosecutors did not immediately return calls seeking comment.

Kohring's attorney, John Henry Browne, said he had sent Holder a letter about a month ago asking him to look into the case.









In U.S., gay marriage has political angle

HOLLY **RAMER Associated Press Writers** CONCORD, New Hampshire (AP) — Iowa and New Hampshire traditionally offer presidential candidates vastly different political landscapes when they seek their party nominations. Yet legalizing gay marriage, as both states have now done, is unlikely to have much impact in 2012 because of party dynamics and the different emphasis voters place on social issues.

Gay marriage became legal in Iowa in April after the Iowa Supreme Court ruled that denying gays the right to marry is discriminatory. In New Hampshire, the Legislature approved a gay marriage bill Wednesday that will take effect Jan. 1.

While some see opposition gay marriage easing nationwide, that's not the case among Iowa Republicans — especially the relatively small number who dominate the state's leadoff precinct caucuses. Social and religious conservatives dominate that group, and their opposition to gay marriage is solid.

To be competitive among Republicans, presidential candidates likely



Lawmakers watch as the vote totals are displayed on the Gay Marriage bill at the State house in Concord, N.H., Wednesday, May 6, 2009. The house passed the bill allowing gay marriage. Associated Press

will have to toe that line, key strategists said.

"I'm guessing that most of the serious candidates will be for a constitutional amendment to define marriage," said David Roederer, a veteran activist who managed John McCain's campaign in the state. "I don't think there's going to be much of a difference."

Steve Scheffler, head of the Iowa Christian Alliance, said the debate over gay marriage is part of a larger discussion of what he sees as the declining social culture of the country. Candidates must

address that, he said, and gay marriage is a key element.

"I think there's a whole wide range of issues they need to address — the state of our economy, the decline of our culture. All of those things have to be put on the table," said Scheffler. "It's absolutely essential, and it would behoove them to talk about it. I don't think they can dodge it or duck."

That isn't the case in New Hampshire, where Republicans tend to be more fiscally conservative and socially moderate. New Hampshire has allowed civil unions since 2008; Iowa never allowed them.

"When presidential candidates campaign here, they have traditionally focused on the economy, foreign policy, health care," said political analyst Dean Spiliotes. "Social issues have never really played a major role here in the campaign."

A poll conducted by Dartmouth College in May found New Hampshire voters evenly split on gay marriage. Broken down by party, gay marriage had the support of 63 percent of Democrats, 43 percent of undeclared voters and 17 percent of Republicans.

Although the two states vote only days apart, candidates have a history of switching gears between Iowa and New Hampshire and will continue to do so, Spiliotes said, pointing to former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee, who won Iowa's GOP caucus in

"When he was in Iowa, it was all about social conservatism, and then when he came to New Hampshire, that almost completely vanished," he said. "So I don't think that it's going to have a huge impact on how people campaign

here because I think to some extent, the state already had the reputation for being more libertarian, if not more moderate."

New Hampshire's primaries are open to independents, who outnumber those registered with either party and hold significant sway. Many are likely to vote Republican in 2012 if President Barack Obama seeks re-election and faces no primary opposition. In Iowa, there's very little party switching or involvement by independents, and history shows that a relatively small number of the parties' hardcore activists determine the outcome. Giving an easy victory to Huckabee, an ordained Baptist minister, speaks volumes of the mindset of the Republican activists who dominate the party and the precinct caucuses.

"We've gone so far to the social right, particularly in caucus attendees, that unless you meet certain litmus tests. you have a very difficult time competing in Iowa," said Doug Gross, the party's 2002 gubernatorial nominee.

Gay marriage might pose a different kind of litmus test in New Hampshire, said Jennifer Donahue, political director of the New Hampshire Institute of Politics.

"The way people interpret issue tells more about their feelings about government's role in their personal lives than it does about gay marriage," she said. "It becomes almost a litmus test for the candidates as to how libertarian they are."



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"All we can say is, we know David would never have committed suicide," said Tiffany Smith, of Binder & Associates, his management company. "We're just waiting for them to finish the investigation and find out what really happened. He really appreciated everything life has to give ... and that's not something David would ever do to himself."

Carradine had flown to Thailand last week and began work on "Stretch" two days before his death, Smith said. He had several other projects lined up after the action film, which was being directed by Charles De Meaux with Carradine in the lead.

A spokesman for the U.S. Embassy, Michael Turner,

said the embassy was informed by Thai authorities that Carradine died either late Wednesday or early Thursday.

"I was deeply saddened by the news of David Carradine's passing," said director Martin Scorcese. "We met when we made 'Boxcar Bertha' together, almost 40 years ago. I have very fond memories of our time together on that picture and on 'Mean Streets,' where he agreed to do a brief cameo."

Carradine came from an acting family. His father, John, made a career playing creepy, eccentric characters in film and on stage. Half-brothers Keith, Robert and Bruce also became actors, and actress Martha Plimpton is Keith Carradine's daughter.

"My Uncle David was a

brilliantly talented, fiercely intelligent and generous man. He was the nexus of our family in so many ways, and drew us together over the years and kept us connected," Plimpton said Thursday.

Carradine was "in good spirits" when he left the U.S. for Thailand on May 29 to work on "Stretch," Smith said.

"David was excited to do it and excited to be a part of it," she said by phone from Beverly Hills.

Filming began Tuesday, she said, adding that the crew was devastated by Carradine's death and did not wish to speak publicly about it for the time being.

The Web site of the Thai newspaper The Nation said Carradine could not be contacted after he failed to appear for a meal with the rest of the film crew on Wednesday, and that his body was found by a hotel maid Thursday morning. It said a preliminary police investigation found that he had hanged himself with a curtain cord and there was no sign that he had been assaulted.

Police said Carradine's body was taken to a hospital for an autopsy that would be done Friday.

Carradine appeared in more than 100 feature films with such directors as Scorsese, Ingmar Bergman and Hal Ashby. One of his early film roles was as folk singer Woody Guthrie in Ashby's 1976 biopic, "Bound for Glory."

But he was best known for "Kung Fu," which aired from 1972-75.

Carradine, a martial arts practitioner himself, played Kwai Chang Caine, an orphan who was raised by Shaolin monks and fled China after killing the emperor's nephew in retaliation for the murder of his kung fu master.

Pursued by revenge assassins from China, Caine wanders the American West in search of his half-brother Danny. His conscience forces him to fight injustice wherever he encounters it, fueled by flashbacks to his training in which his master famously refers to him as "Grasshopper."



This file photo released by ABC on Sept. 20, 1973 shows David Carradine, starring as Caine on the television series "Kung Fu." Carradine, star of the 1970's TV series "Kung Fu" who also had a wide-ranging career in the movies, has been found dead in the Thai capital, Bangkok. A spokesman for the U.S. Embassy, Michael Turner, confirmed the death of the 72-year-old actor. He says Carradine died either late Wednesday or early Thursday, but he could not provide further details out of consideration for his family.

Associated Press

Blues queen Koko Taylor dies at 80



In this Jan. 16, 2005, file photo Koko Taylor sings at the Harold Washington Cultural Center in Chicago. Taylor, the Grammywinning "Queen of the Blues," died Wednesday, June 3, 2009, after complications from surgery. She was 80.

Associated Press

CARYN ROUSSEAU Associated Press Writer CHICAGO (AP) — Koko Taylor, whose regal bearing and powerful voice earned her the sobriquet "Queen of the Blues," has died after complications from surgery. She was 80.

Taylor died Wednesday at Northwestern Memorial Hospital about two weeks after having surgery for a gastrointestinal bleed, said Marc Lipkin, director of publicity for her record label, Alligator Records, which made the announcement.

Taylor's career stretched more than five decades. While she did not have widespread mainstream success, she was revered and beloved by blues aficionados, and earned worldwide acclaim for her work, which including the best-selling song "Wang Dang Doodle" and tunes such as "What Kind of Man is This" and "I Got What It Takes."

Taylor appeared on national television numerous times, and was the subject of a PBS documentary and had a small part in director David Lynch's "Wild at Heart."

In the course of her career, Taylor was nominated seven times for Grammy awards and won in 1984.

Born Cora Walton just outside Memphis, Tenn., Taylor said her dream to become a blues singer was nurtured in the cotton fields outside her family's sharecropper shack. "I used to listen to the radio,

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11 bodies found inside abandoned car in Mexico

RODRIGUEZ move in. OLGA Associated Press Writer

MEXICO CITY (AP) Mexican police found 11 bodies inside an abandoned car in the border state of Sonora on Thursday, and prosecutors attributed the killings to drug traffickers battling for control of the region.

Sonora's state prosecutors said in a statement that the men had been shot to death and nine of them had their feet and hands cut off. They were found inside a sport utility vehicle, which had been stolen in neighboring Arizona, on a road between the towns of Caborca and Sonoyta. A threatening message was left with the bodies but prosecutors didn't say what the message said.

Prosecutors said the bodies have not been identified and the killings are linked to a fight between local drug traffickers and another group trying to

Police are investigating whether the killings are tied to an attack on the village of Plutarco Elias Calles where four people were abducted and assailants opened fire on the police station Wednesday night.

Meanwhile, federal police said Thursday they have captured two of 53 inmates who escaped from a prison in northern Mexico last month as its guards apparently stood by.

Marcos Espinoza and Osvaldo Garcia were detained Wednesday in Mexico's central state of Hidalgo along with six alleged members of the Zetas, a gang of hit men tied to the Gulf cartel, federal police intelligence coordinator Luis Cardenas told reporters.

Security camera footage shows that guards at the Cieneguillas prison in Zacatecas state stood by as an armed gang walked out with the 53 inmates on May 16.

About a dozen of the fugitives are drug cartel suspects.

The prison director and all 44 guards on duty have been jailed pending an investigation into their possible complicity.

Mexican drug gangs often buy off or blackmail guards and police.

President Felipe Calderon's government has stepped up its campaign to fight that kind of corruption in recent weeks, arresting dozens of police and elected officials — including 10 mayors in his home state of Michoacan — on suspicion of collaborating with drug traffickers.

Also Thursday, soldiers raided police stations in the northern state of Nuevo Leon for a fourth day, detaining two police chiefs for questioning. More than 70 officers from 13 towns have been questioned and 57 have been detained in the effort, which began when soldiers

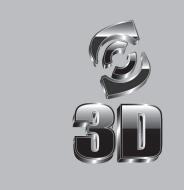
Police vehicles guard the site where a woman was found dead inside a car, two blocks away from a police station in Tijuana, Mexico, Thursday, May 14, 2009. **Associated Press**

found lists of police names in the possession of suspected drug dealers arrested in May. The police chiefs brought in on Thursday were from the towns of Montemorelos and Allende, Nuevo Leon's state government said in a statement.

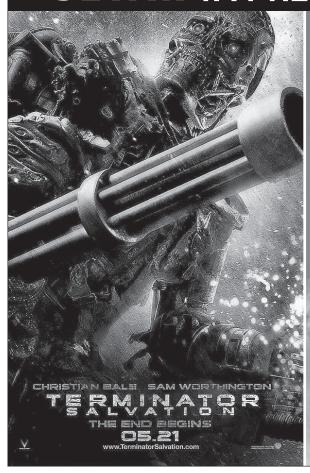
Calderon has struggled to combat rising drug violence and corruption, sending 45,000 troops to drug hot spots since taking office in December 2006. More than 10,800 people have since died in drug-related incidents.







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CDC: Swine flu to spread in Southern Hemisphere



In this Nov. 6, 2007 image provided by P&O Cruises is the cruise ship the Pacific Dawn as it sails past the Sydney Opera House in Sydney. The ship with 2,000 passengers aboard will cut short a Great Barrier Reef voyage and head to a major Australian port after three crew members were found Thursday, May 28, 2009, to have swine flu. Associated Press

MICHAEL E. MILLER
Associated Press Writer
MEXICO CITY (AP) —
Mexico has seen the worst
of swine flu, but the virus
will likely continue to spread
worldwide as flu season
ramps up in the Southern
Hemisphere.

The epidemic peaked in Mexico, the center of the outbreak, in late April, and now has spread throughout the Northern Hemisphere, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said Thursday.

But it will continue to be a threat south of the equator, where countries are entering the winter months and traditional flu season, according to the CDC report, one of the most comprehensive yet on the effect of the virus on people. South America already has had more than 600 cases, including one death in Chile, while Australia has reported more than 500.

Swine flu has hit more than 60 countries, with the United States reporting the most cases — more than 11,400,

including at least 19 deaths, according to the CDC.

Mexico's Health Department on Friday said the nation's confirmed swine flu cases had risen to 5,717, including 106 deaths, as scientists test a backlog of samples from patients.

The CDC report said children and adults under 60 are at greater risk of dying, judging from confirmed cases. One reason could be that younger people and children haven't built up immunities to seasonal flu as older people have. About one-third of U.S. adults aged 60 and older who were tested had antibodies from vaccines or exposure to other flu strains that could also keep them from contracting swine flu, the report said.

In Mexico, only 2 percent of confirmed cases have been 60 years old or older. But 42 percent of patients were under the age of 15 and 32 percent were between the ages of 15 and 29. The remaining 24 percent were aged 30-59.

A huge backlog of suspected

cases has made long-term predictions for the epidemic difficult, the CDC said, but "data suggest the outbreak likely has moved beyond its peak nationally" in Mexico. The CDC has praised Mexico for its response. Mexico ordered schools closed April 27 and then followed up with a five-day national shutdown of nonessential businesses to curb the spread of swine flu. "I think in retrospect some people might look back and say well maybe that was extreme. But from the public health perspective, we would say in the face of uncertainty that's erring on the side of being safe," said Dr. Scott F. Dowell, who heads the CDC's international swine flu team.





Demonstrators take cover from tear gas fired by riot police officers, unseen, during a protest over curriculum changes at a Haitian medical school in Port-au-Prince, Monday, May 25, 2009.

Associated Press

Haiti police fire shots to deter protest; 1 hurt

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — Police fired tear gas and gunshots Thursday to deter protesters in Haiti's capital, and at least one student was wounded.

About 300 university students threw rocks at police and national guard officers as they marched down barricaded streets and protested curriculum changes. A car also was set on fire.

Authorities responded by shooting into the air and launching tear gas. Three students from a primary school were hospitalized after breathing the fumes. Hundreds of people poured out of a nearby church Thursday afternoon after getting trapped inside by tear gas and protesters. Children were crying and some people poured water on a couple of women who had fainted.

Students have clashed with police in recent months as they criticize university officials for canceling classes they say they need to become well-rounded professionals.

A photographer for The Associated Press saw doctors on Thursday treating the injured student for a minor head wound.



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Tiananmen Square

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Police barred foreign journalists from entering the square and threatened them with violence, even barring them from covering the daily raising of China's national flag.

Chinese and foreign tourists were allowed in Tiananmen as usual, although security officials appeared to outnumber visitors.

Dissidents and families of victims were confined to their homes or forced to leave Beijing, part of sweeping government efforts to prevent online debate or organized commemorations of the anniversary.

But in Hong Kong's Victoria Park, a crowd chanted slogans calling for Beijing to own up to the crackdown and release political dissidents. Organizers estimated its size at 150,000, while police put the number at 62,800.

"It is the dream of all Chinese people to have democracy!" the throng sang.

Hong Kong is one of the few

places in China where the events of June 1989 are not off-limits, because the territory — returned by the British 12 years ago — operates under a separate political system that promises freedom of speech and other Western-style civil liberties.

"Hong Kong is China's conscience," Hong Kong pro-democracy lawmaker Cheung Man Kwong told the demonstration.

In the candlelight, speakers recalled the terrifying events in Tiananmen, where a military assault killed hundreds who had gathered for weeks in the square to demonstrate for freedom and even erect a makeshift statue of liberty. Those killed were eulogized as heroes in the struggle for a democratic China, their names read aloud before the crowd observed a minute of silence. "Hong Kong is the only place where we can commemorate, and we have to repeat this every year so our younger generations don't forget," said Annie Chu, 36, a Hong Kong tourism worker who says she has attended every vigil for the last 20 years.



Paramilitary soldiers patrol on Tiananmen Square in Beijing Thursday, June 4, 2009. Foreign journalists were barred from the vast square Thursday as uniformed and plainclothes police stood guard across the vast plaza that was the epicenter of the student-led movement that was crushed by the military on the night of June 3-4, 1989.

Associated Press

Earlier in the day, the central government ignored calls from U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton and even Taiwan's China-friendly president for Beijing to face up to the 1989 violence.

The extraordinary security in Beijing came after government censors shut down social networking and image-sharing Web sites such as Twitter and Flickr and blacked out CNN and other foreign news channels each time they showed stories about Tiananmen.

"We've been under 24-hour surveillance for a week and aren't able to leave home to mourn. It's totally inhuman," said Xu Jue, whose son was 22 when he was shot in the chest by soldiers and bled to death on June 4, 1989.

Police were also stationed outside the home of Wang Yannan, the daughter of Zhao Ziyang, the Communist Party leader deposed for sympathizing with the pro-democracy protesters, according to the Hong Kongbased Information Center for Human Rights and Democracy. Wang has never been politically active.

But Zhou was celebrated in Hong Kong. Tape recordings of Zhou recalling Tiananmen, used for his recently released posthumous memoir, were played over loudspeakers next to his portrait. One former student leader, Xiong Yan, stirred the crowd with predictions that "democracy will arrive in China."

Another student leader from 1989, Wu'er Kaixi, was forced to return to Taiwan on Thursday after flying to the Chinese territory of Macau the day before in an attempt to return home.

In Washington, Clinton said Wednesday that China, as an emerging global power, "should examine openly the darker events of its past and provide a public accounting of those killed, detained or missing, both to learn and to heal."

N. Korea violates S. Korean waters amid high tension



South Korean Navy speed boats leave to patrol near Yeonpyong Island in the Yellow Sea, west of South Korea Friday, May 29, 2009. South Korean and U.S. troops raised their alert Thursday to the highest level since 2006 after North Korea renounced its peace treaty with the allied forces and threatened to strike any ships trying to intercept its vessels.

Associated Press

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Associated Press Writer

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — South Korea says a North Korean patrol boat entered its waters around their disputed maritime border but backed off after nearly an hour following repeated warnings.

Also Thursday, a senior American diplomat cautioned Pyongyang that its bad behavior would no longer be rewarded. The naval standoff came amid concerns that the North might try to provoke an armed clash in the area — the scene of deadly naval skirmishes in 1999 and 2002 — to stoke tensions that were already running high after Pyongyang's nuclear test and a

barrage of missile launches last week.

The regime has also conducted amphibious assault exercises near the sea boundary and appeared to be preparing for more missile tests, including one believed capable of reaching the U.S. The missile is being readied at the new Dongchang-ni launch site on the North's west coast near China.

New commercial satellite images show the facility is ready for use after nearly a decade of construction. The launch tower and what appears to be construction materials on the launch pad are seen in the images, said Tim Brown, a senior fellow with GlobalSecurity.org. He speculated the debris may be there to make the pad appear as though it is still under construction.

"The launch pad appears to be operational," Brown said.

The maritime intrusion occurred as U.S. Deputy Secretary of State James Steinberg was in Seoul to coordinate a united response to Pyongyang's belligerence. South Korean news reports said a delegation of senior U.S. officials was working on financial sanctions against Pyongyang.

Steinberg told South Korean President Lee Myung-bak that "North Korea would be mistaken if it thinks it can make provocations and then get what it wants through negotiation as it did in the past. The U.S. won't repeat the same mistake again," Seoul's presidential office said in a statement.

Steinberg left for China on Friday.

Complicating the situation, two American journalists were to go on trial Thursday in North Korea's top court, on allegations they entered the country illegally and engaged in "hostile acts."

North Korea's official news agency said the trial would begin by mid-afternoon Thursday, but nearly one day later, there was no word on the status of the proceedings.



Brazil: Crash

investigation looks at sensors

BRADLEY BROOKS
Associated Press Writers

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP)
— Investigators trying to determine why Air France Flight 447 broke apart in a violent storm over the Atlantic are looking at the possibility that speed sensors — or an external instrument key to collecting speed data — failed in unusual weather, two aviation industry officials said Thursday.

Brazil's Navy and Air Force, meanwhile, issued statements saying that despite earlier reports by the military, no wreckage had been recovered from the Airbus A330, which went down off the country's northeastern coast, killing all 228 people aboard. It is the world's worst aviation disaster since 2001.

Officials with knowledge of the investigation and independent analysts all stressed they don't know why a plane that seemed to be flying normally crashed just minutes after the pilot messaged that he was entering an area of extremely dangerous storms.

They will have little to go on until they recover the plane's "black box" flight data and voice recorders, now likely on the ocean floor miles (kilometers) beneath the surface.

Other hypotheses — even terrorism — haven't been ruled out, though there are no signs of a bomb. Officials have said a jet fuel slick on the ocean's surface suggests there was no explosion.

Two officials told The Associated Press investigators are looking at the possibility an external probe that measures air pressure may have iced over. The probe feeds data used to calculate air speed and altitude to onboard computers. Another possibility is that sensors inside the aircraft reading the data malfunctioned.

If the instruments were

not reporting accurate information, the jet could have been traveling too fast or too slow as it entered turbulence from towering bands of thunderstorms, according to the officials.

"There is increasing attention being paid to the external probes and the possibility they iced over in the unusual atmospheric conditions experienced by the Air France flight," one of the industry officials explained to the AP, speaking on condition of anonymity because he isn't authorized to discuss the investigation publicly.

Meteorologists said the Air France jet entered an unusual storm with 100 mph updrafts that acted as a vacuum, sucking water up from the ocean. The incredibly moist air rushed up to the plane's high altitude, where it quickly froze in minus-40 degree temperatures. The updrafts also would have created dangerous turbulence. jetliner's computer systems ultimately failed, and the plane broke apart likely in midair as it crashed into the Atlantic on a flight from Rio de Janeiro to Paris Sunday night.

Independent aviation experts said it is plausible that a problem with the external probe — called a "pitot tube" — or sensors that analyze data collected by the tube could have contributed to the disaster.

The tubes have heating systems to prevent icing. But if those systems somehow malfunctioned, the tubes could quickly freeze at high altitude in storm conditions, said the other industry official, who also was not authorized to discuss the investigation.

Other experts outside the investigation said it is more likely that the sensors reading information from the tubes failed.

"When you have multiple system failures, sensors are



one of the first things you want to look at," said John Cox, a Washington-based aviation safety consultant and former crash investigator for the Air Line Pilots Association.

Jetliners need to be flying at just the right speed when encountering violent weather, experts say — too fast and they run the risk of breaking apart. Too slow, and they could lose control.

"It's critical when dealing with these conditions of turbulence to maintain an appropriate speed to maintain control of the aircraft, while at the same time not over-stressing the aircraft," said Bill Voss, president and CEO of the Flight Safety Foundation in Alexandria, Va.

France's accident investigation agency has established that the series of automatic messages gave conflicting signals about the plane's speed, and that the flight path went through dangerously stormy weather. The agency warned against any "hasty interpretation or speculation" after the French newspaper Le Monde reported, without naming sources, that the Air France plane was flying at the wrong speed.

Two buoys — standard emergency equipment on planes — were spotted Thursday in the Atlantic Ocean about 340 miles northeast of Brazil's northern Fernando de Noronha islands by a helicopter crew, which was working off a Brazilian navy ship.

Among other debris spotted Wednesday and Thursday were a 23-foot (seven-meter) chunk of plane, an airline seat and several large brown and yellow pieces that probably came from inside the plane, military officials said.

Confusion broke out after the Air Force announced Thursday afternoon that a helicopter plucked an airplane cargo pallet from the sea that came the Air France flight, but then said six hours later that it was not from the Airbus.

The pallet was made of wood, and the plane was not carrying wooden pallets, Brazilian Air Force Gen. Ramon Cardoso told reporters. He did not say where the pallet might have come from.

"So far, nothing from the plane has been recovered," Cardoso said. Air France's CEO Pierre-Henri Gourgeon told family members at a private meeting that the plane disintegrated, either in the air or when it slammed into the ocean, and there were no survivors, according to Guillaume Denoix de Saint-Marc, a grief counselor who was asked by Paris prosecutors to help counsel relatives.

More than 500 people packed the historic Candelaria church in the center of Rio de Janeiro Thursday for a Mass for the victims.

With the crucial flight recorders still missing, investigators were relying heavily on the plane's automated messages to help reconstruct what happened as the jet flew through thunderstorms.

The last message from the pilot was a manual signal at 11

p.m. local time Sunday saying he was flying through an area of black, electrically charged cumulonimbus clouds that come with violent winds and lightning.

At 11:10 p.m., a cascade of problems began: the autopilot haddisengaged, a key computer system switched to alternative power, and controls needed to keep the plane stable had been damaged. An alarm sounded indicating the deterioration of flight systems. Then, systems for monitoring air speed, altitude and direction failed. Controls over the main flight computer and wing spoilers failed as well. At 11:14 p.m., a final automatic message signaled loss of cabin pressure and complete electrical failure as the plane was breaking apart.

The pilot of a Spanish airliner flying nearby at the time reported seeing a bright flash of white light plunging to the ocean, said Angel del Rio, spokesman for the Spanish airline Air Comet.

The pilot of the Spanish plane, en route from Lima, Peru to Madrid, said he heard no emergency calls.

France's defense minister and the Pentagon have said there were no signs that terrorism was involved.

"We have no evidence, we have no proof, we don't know," French Foreign Minister Bernard Kochner said after he was asked about the possibility of a bomb. "Is it possible? I mean to look at an explosion? Yes it is. It is one of the hypotheses."

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Russians Safina, Kuznetsova reach French final

STEVEN WINE AP Sports Writer

PARIS (AP) — Dinara Safina shanked shots, squandered chances, screamed profanities at herself and still won to set up an all-Russian final at the French Open on Thursday.

The top-ranked Safina beat Dominika Cibulkova of Slovakia 6-3, 6-3 in the semifinals and needs one more win for her first Grand Slam title.

On Saturday, she'll face No. 7-seeded Svetlana Kuznetsova, who beat Samantha Stosur of Australia, 6-4, 6-7 (5), 6-3.

The combustible Safina won despite seven double-faults.





Russia's Svetlana Kuznetsova jubilates after defeating Australia's Samantha Stosur, and . Russia's Dinara Safina jubilates after defeating Slovakia's Dominika Cibulkova during a semifinal match of the French Open tennis tournament at the Roland Garros stadium in Paris, Thursday June 4, 2009.

Associated Press

Twice in one game, her shots landed short of the net.

"I'm trying to control my emotions," she said. "I'm not playing my best, but still it's not easy to beat me."

Safina was runner-up to Ana Ivanovic last year at Roland Garros, and lost this year's Australian Open final to Serena Williams. Safina has a 7-4 record against Kuznetsova, and they split two meetings in finals last month.

"I really want to win this tournament," Safina said. "I had a very good experience last year, and I hope to do better this year.

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FILE - In this April 24, 2009 photo released by the **NFL Players Association on** Tuesday, May 12, 2009, new NFLPA Executive Director DeMaurice Smith speaks during his first press briefing at Le Parker Meridien Hotel in New York. Smith savs his contract has been completed. Smith worked for several weeks without one, following his election in March. But the union boss said Tuesday, May 12, 2009, in Minnesota the deal was done.

Associated Press

NFLPA settles lawsuit with retired players

BUFFALO, New York (AP) — The NFL Players Association reached a \$26.25 million settlement with retired players who had successfully sued the union for cutting them out of lucrative marketing deals. The settlement ended an appeal filed by the union in the case, NFLPA official George Atallah told The Associated Press on Thursday.

The settlement amount was close to the \$28.1 million the NFLPA was ordered to pay after a federal jury ruled in favor of the players in November. The jury determined the union failed to include retired NFL players in deals with Electronic Arts Inc., the maker of the "Madden NFL" video game, and other companies.

Stanley Cup

Staal's goal starts Pens comeback, evens finals

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Jordan Staal scored a short-handed goal to spark a Pittsburgh comeback as the Penguins scored three times in less than 6 minutes of the second period to beat the Detroit Red Wings 4-2 on Thursday and level the series at 2-2. Evgeni Malkin, enjoying the best postseason since Wayne Gretzky in 1993, and Sidney Crosby had a goal and an assist each to help rally the Penguins from a 2-1 deficit a year to the day since Detroit raised the Stanley Cup in Pittsburgh by winning Game 6.

Tyler Kennedy also scored and Marc-Andre Fleury, with his second successive excellent game, made 37 saves.

Until Game 4, the finals followed the same pattern as last year's: Detroit won the first two at home, then dropped Game 3 in Pittsburgh. But the Red Wings couldn't follow up their 2-1 road victory in Game 4 of last year, one decided largely when they killed off a lengthy Pittsburgh 5-on-3 advantage, and now these finals are the best-of-three.

Game 5 is Saturday night in Detroit, with Game 6 in Pittsburgh on Tuesday after the series' first two-day break.

The Red Wings were done in by a bad second period and dreadful special teams. Pittsburgh has converted on 4 of 9 power plays, and this game swung when the Penguins got a goal — and the Red Wings didn't — during 3:59 of continuous Detroit power-play time.

With Detroit up 2-1 following goals by Darren Helm and Brad Stuart less than 3 minutes apart to end the first and start the second, Staal — who had only two goals in 20 playoff games — got loose after Max Talbot's up-ice pass.

Staal used his lengthy stride to thread two defenders and beat Chris Osgood at 8:35 of the second. Staal had a record-tying seven short-handed goals as an 18-year-old rookie in 2006-07, but had only one since.

Staal's goal instantly changed a major opportunity by Detroit to seize control not only of the game but the series, into a tie game,



Pittsburgh Penguins center Jordan Staal (11) scores against Detroit Red Wings goalie Chris Osgood (30) in the second period of Game 4 of the NHL hockey Stanley Cup finals in Pittsburgh, Thursday, June 4, 2009. Detroit Red Wings defenseman Brian Rafalski (28) is at right.

Associated Press

and the 17,132 jammed into a suddenly rocking Mellon Arena sensed how big the play might be. And they were right.

The Penguins finished off killing the second power play and, less than a minute later, Crosby and Malkin — their signature stars — worked a 2-on-1 rush for Crosby's 15th of the playoffs and 30th point. With 35 points, Malkin has more than any player since Gretzky had 40 in 1993.

Kennedy, a Staal linemate who had no goals in five games, finished it off with Pittsburgh's third goal in a span of 5:37 by scoring off two quick passes by Crosby and Chris Kunitz.

On the Detroit bench, a sour-faced Mike Babcock had the look of a coach wondering if four games in six nights for his tiring Red Wings might have favored the younger Penguins. All four Pittsburgh goals came from players who are 22 or younger.



NL Roundup

Big Unit's big number: Randy Johnson wins 300th

WASHINGTON (AP) — Randy Johnson became the 24th pitcher in Major League Baseball history to achieve 300 wins when he tossed two-hit ball over six innings in the San Francisco Giants' 5-1 victory over the Washington Nationals on Thursday.

In the first game of a doubleheader, Johnson allowed only an unearned run and threw 50 of his 78 pitches for strikes. He left leading 2-1

and nearly wound up with a nodecision. The Nationals loaded the bases with two outs in the eighth before Adam Dunn was called out on strikes.

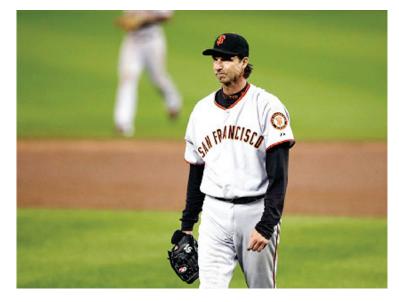
San Francisco added three runs in the ninth.

Some of the few thousand fans who witnessed Johnson's victory chanted "Randy! Randy!" in the bottom of the ninth. When the game was over, he gave hugs to teenage son Tanner, who served as

a Giants batboy, as well as his teammates. Johnson then tipped his hat to the cheering crowd before disappearing into the dugout.

The 45-year-old Johnson (5-4) is the second-oldest pitcher to reach the milestone. Knuckleballer Phil Niekro was 46 when he won his 300th with the New York Yankees in 1985.

Pirates 11, Mets 6 At Pittsburgh, Jason Jaramillo



Congressman urges NBA to drop age minimum

FREDERIC J. FROMMER Associated Press Writer WASHINGTON (AP) — A

congressman wants the NBA to repeal its requirement that players be at least 19 years old and a year out of high school before entering the league, calling the restriction unfair.

Rep. Steve Cohen sent identical letters to NBA commissioner David Stern and union leader Billy Hunter, asking that they scrap the requirement in the next collective bargaining agreement.

Cohen, a member of the House of Representatives judiciary committee, on Wednesday called the requirement "an unfair restriction on the rights of these young men to pursue their intended career."

In an e-mail, NBA spokesman Tim Frank said, "We are looking forward to receiving, reviewing and responding to the congressman's letter, as we always do." The players union did not respond to requests for comment

Stern has said he wouldn't mind if the new agreement pushed the minimum age to 20 — although he was happy the way the current rule was working. The current agreement runs through 2011. "We anticipate that the age limitation issue will be front and center during collective bargaining negotiations and we look forward to the opportunity to revisit the

change to the rule that was made in 2005," players' association spokesman Dan Wasserman said.

In a telephone interview, Cohen told The Associated Press that he'd consider both hearings and legislation if the requirement remains. "I don't think it makes any sense. It didn't hurt Al Kaline to go straight to the Detroit Tigers," he said, referring to the slugger who broke into Major League Baseball at age 18 in 1953. Cohen noted that athletes in sports such as baseball, tennis and golf, don't face such a restriction.

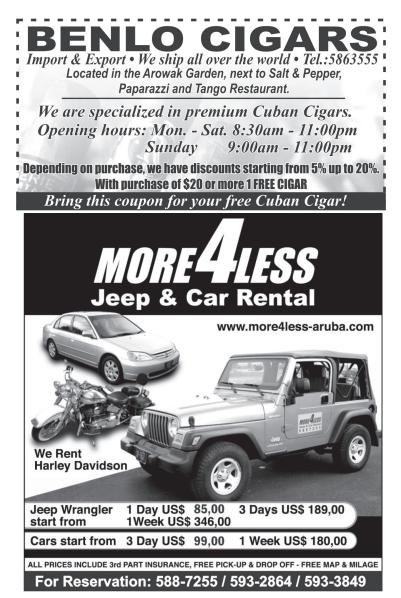
drove in a career-high four runs and prized prospect Andrew McCutchen had a productive major league debut as Pittsburgh completed a rain-shortened, three-game sweep of New York.

Ramon Vazquez went 4 for 4,

Ramon Vazquez went 4 for 4, Andy LaRoche had two RBIs and scored two runs, and McCutchen went 2 for 4 with three runs, a walk, an RBI and a stolen base as the Pirates roughed up Mets starter Mike Pelfrey (4-2), who allowed a career-worst nine runs in 3 2-3 innings.

Carlos Beltran, playing his first game in five days because of a stomach virus, homered and doubled off the wall for New York.







AL Roundup

Yankees overcome poor Wang start to beat Texas



New York Yankees' Melky Cabrera, background right, runs the bases after hitting a home run off of Texas Rangers relief pitcher C.J. Wilson, left, during the eighth inning of a baseball game Thursday, June 4, 2009, in New York. The Rangers lost the game

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Melky Cabrera hit a tiebreaking, tworun homer in the eighth inning as the New York Yankees overcame yet another poor start by Wang Chien-Ming to beat the Texas Rangers 8-6 in the American League on Thursday.

The Yankees rallied from a 5-1 deficit and took two of three games from the AL West leaders.

It was another game of home run derby at the new Yankee Stadium. Johnny Damon started it with a leadoff shot for New York, Nelson Cruz finished Wang in the fifth with a long drive, and Ian Kinsler's solo homer for Texas in the sixth made it 6-all.

Angels 6, Blue Jays 5

At Toronto, Howie Kendrick dashed home with some daring baserunning, scoring the go-ahead run on a ninthinning double play to help Los Angeles win.

Justin Speier (2-1) got the win despite giving up a tying sacrifice fly in the eighth.

Trailing 5-2 after seven

innings, Toronto tied it with a three-run eighth against the Angels' beleaguered bullpen, which came in with a major league-worst 5.68 ERA.

Brandon League (1-2) took the loss.

Twins 11, Indians 3

At Minneapolis, Jason Kubel hit a pair of three-run homers to back Scott Baker, who pitched seven effective innings for Minnesota in a victory over Cleveland.

Kubel's first homer capped a four-run first inning against Fausto Carmona (2-6). The cleanup batter followed an inning later with his second to give Minnesota a 7-0 lead. It was Kubel's fourth career twohomer game and second of the season. He also hit a pair on April 25 at Cleveland.

Justin Morneau added his 15th home run of the year and drove in three runs for the Twins. Baker (3-6) struck out a career-

high 10 and walked just one.

He allowed three runs — two earned — and six hits.

Red Sox 6, Tigers 3

At Detroit, Jason Bay's basesloaded double keved a sixrun third inning as Boston completed a three-game sweep of Detroit.

Tim Wakefield (7-3) got the win, giving up three runs and five hits in 6 2-3 innings. The 42-year-old knuckleballer has beaten the Tigers 16 times, more than any other active pitcher.

Dontrelle Willis (1-3) took a step back in his comeback from control problems, allowing five runs in 2 1-3 innings despite not giving up a hit. He walked five batters and hit another with a pitch.

Athletics 7, White Sox 0 At Chicago, Jason Giambi hit a three-run homer and Brett Anderson pitched seven impressive innings, sending Oakland to victory.

Aaron Cunningham added a

two-run shot in the ninth for Oakland, which won the final three games of the four-game

With top prospect Gordon Beckham making his major league debut at third base, Chicago was shut out for the major league-worst eighth time this season, twice with Mark Buehrle (6-2) on the mound.

Beckham went 0 for 3 with a strikeout. He hit into a fielder's choice in his first atbat. Oakland has started four rookie pitchers in a row for the third time in team history, the last in June 1996.

In other AL games it was, Boston 6, Detroit 3; N.Y. Yankees 8, Texas 6; L.A. Angels 6, Toronto 5; Tampa Bay 9, Kansas City 0; Minnesota 11, Cleveland 3; and Oakland 7, Chicago White Sox 0.

French final

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I still have a match to play, and I will give everything I've got."

The all-Russian final will be the second at Roland Garros, after Anastasia Myskina beat Elena Dementieva for the 2004 title.

Like Safina, Kuznetsova was playing a first-time Grand Slam semifinalist. Coming off a grueling Wednesday win on over Serena Williams, Kuznetsova missed chance at a straight-sets victory, allowing Stosur to overcome a 5-2 deficit in the tiebreaker.

Kuznetsova regrouped and held every service game in the last set. The 2004 U.S. Open champion will try for her second major title on Saturday.

"It's definitely going to be stress, definitely going to be emotion, definitely going to be business. Everything,"

Kuznetsova said.

In the men's semifinals on Friday, Roger Federer will try to move a step closer to a career Grand Slam and 14th major title, which would tie Pete Sampras' record. He's 5-0 against his opponent, 6-foot-6 Juan Martin del Potro.

23-seeded Robin Soderling will look to continue his improbable run against No. 12 Fernando Gonzalez. Soderling reached beyond the third round at a Grand Slam for the first time. Gonzalez is the first Chilean since 1960 to advance to the Roland Garros semifinals.

Safina's ranking has drawn criticism because she has yet to win a major. But in the four tournaments since she climbed to No. 1 in April, she's 20-1 with two titles, a runner-up finish and the strong showing at Roland Garros, where she has lost only one set.

"Since I became No. 1, I'm playing finals and winning the titles," she said. "So how much more proof I need to give the people that I think I deserve that spot?"



Her brother, Marat Safin, is a former No. 1 and two-time Grand Slam champion.

family's notorious temper was evident in the semifinals. At least twice Safina screamed a vulgarity at herself in English that TV microphones picked up, and an announcer apologized to the European audience.

Her language was cleaner when she shanked a backhand into the dirt at her feet.

"That was a great shot," she said.

Later in the same game, Safina misfired so badly on a first serve that she drove the ball into the clay in front of the net. She held anyway for a 4-2 lead in the second set. "It wasn't an easy match," she said. "I have to be much more dominant on the court "

Safina kissed the corner with a forehand winner to reach match point and closed out the victory when Cibulkova put a backhand in the net.

The match was played from behind the baseline. and it was into the seventh game before either played attempted a volley.



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Foto de archivo de unos hombres vistos tras el vidrio baleado de su vehículo en un puesto militar en Vicente Guerrero, México, 19 mayo 2009. Grupos de asaltantes, equipados con armas de fuego y maquinaria pesada, están robando cada vez más cargamentos de materias primas en México, como acero, café o frijoles, en un país ya golpeado por la cruenta guerra del narcotráfico. REUTERS/Tomas Bravo

MONTERREY, México Autoridades (Reuters) federales y estatales mexicanas arrestaron a varios policías el miércoles por tercer día consecutivo en el norte de México por presuntos vínculos con el narcotráfico, y dejaron en libertad a algunos jefes policiales que continuarán bajo investigación.

El Secretario de Seguridad Pública del estado de Nuevo León, Aldo Fasci, dijo que los operativos que comenzaron el lunes con apoyo del Ejército llevaron a medio centenar de policías arrestados. Seis de ellos fueron liberados bajo reserva, entre ellos jefes municipales detenidos

México arresta más policías y libera a **jefes en norte de país**

"Hasta el momento hav 64 policias presentados, se encuentran en este momento declarando seis, se les dictó libertad bajo reserva a seis y 52 elementos estan arraigados (arrestados) en la academia estatal de policía", dijo Fasci en rueda de prensa.

Entre los jefes policiales arrestados el martes había dos secretarios de Seguridad Pública municipales, uno de Tránsito y Vialidad y dos directores de policía. Los

operativos comenzaron luego de que llegaran a manos de las autoridades listas con nombres de policías que supuestamente colaboraban con narcotráfico, obtenidas cateos hechos por militares. Monterrey, la capital de Nuevo León y una ciudad industrial del norte mexicano, se ha convertido en los últimos años en un campo de batalla entre los cárteles de droga que luchan por las lucrativas rutas del tráfico de narcóticos, como ocurre en muchas partes del país.

El tráfico de drogas es el principal problema de seguridad en México, que tan sólo este año a dejado unos 2,300 muertos. La semana pasada la fiscalía mexicana también arrestó en el occidental estado de Michoacán a 10 alcaldes, jefes policiales, varios funcionarios y hasta a un juez por sus presuntos vínculos con el narcotráfico.

Derribo de torre en Colombia interrumpe internet en Ecuador

El ataque con explosivos contra una de

las torres se produjo el miércoles por la

nochecercaa Pupiales, en el departamento

de Nariño, a unos 575 kilómetros al

suroeste de Bogotá, en la frontera con

Ecuador, dijo telefónicamente el coronel

Alberto Montezuma, comandante de la

policía de Nariño. Aseguró que por el

momento desconocen quiénes fueron los

autores del ataque.

BOGOTA (AP) - El derribo de una torre de la red de interconexión eléctrica que se extiende desde el sur colombiano a Quito provocó la suspensión de servicios de internet en Ecuador, confirmaron el jueves voceros de la empresa estatal colombiana que maneja el sistema.

La red de interconexión eléctrica entre

Colombia y Ecuador va desde Pasto, capital departamento colombiano de Nariño, hasta Quito, en un recorrido de unos 212 kilómetros y funciona desde el 2003.

Gallón, Gabriel vocero de la empresa estatal Interconexión Eléctrica S.A., que maneja el transporte

de energía en el país, informó que del lado colombiano "no hubo corte de servicio de energía".

Pero la filial de ISA para telecomunicaciones, ISA-Internexa, dijo en un comunicado que el atentado sí interrumpió "parte de la conectividad hacia la red mundial de información" o internet del lado ecuatoriano.

Por la "falla sobre la infraestructura eléctrica en el departamento de Nariño... fueron afectados los servicios que Internexa, empresa de telecomunicaciones de ISA, presta a la empresa de telecomunicaciones ecuatoriana Transnexa", dijo el comunicado.

"La conectividad que Transnexa suministra en Ecuador se ha visto afectada solo parcialmente, dado que la red regional de fibra óptica de Internexa le provee salida de conectividad a

través de sureden Perú", agregó la empresa sin ofrecer otros detalles. Adicionalmente, "Ecuador cuenta con otras salidas internacionales a la red mundial de información (internet) por el Perú", aseguró.

ISA e ISA-Internexa indicaron que trabajan

para restituir el servicio.

En Quito, los responsables de servicio técnico de la Corporación Nacional de Telecomunicaciones, la compañía estatal proveedora del servicio de internet, reportaban a sus usuarios que padecían problemas por "un problema a nivel internacional", sin que puedan ofrecer una solución inmediata. Otros proveedores de internet también tuvieron problemas, aunque reanudaron el servicio paulatinamente.

Bacteria mata 12 en hospital de **Costa Rica**

SAN JOSE (AP) - Uno de los principales hospitales estatales está infectado con una bacteria que mantiene a 27 pacientes en aislamiento y se sospecha provocó o influyó en la muerte de otras 12 personas, informaron el jueves autoridades del sector sanitario.

La ministra de Salud María Luisa Avila explicó a la AP que el hospital capitalino San Juan de Dios presenta un brote de una bacteria llamada "Clostridium difficile" desde hace aproximadamente un año, por lo cual la sede está siendo no solo descontaminada sino que se realizan varios estudios para determinar dónde se origina el

"Esto es una emergencia y hay que conocer la información lo antes posible", manifestó Avila. Aunque la bacteria se detectó desde hace un año, la propagación empeoró cuando en enero empezaron a reportarse muertes.

Avila dijo tener informes de 16 pacientes del hospital en aislamiento y de otras 11 personas que fallecieron; pero el jueves la directora del centro médico, Ileana Balmaceda, informó a Telenoticias del canal 7 que una persona de 98 años murió la noche del miércoles. La funcionaria añadió que la cifra de pacientes en aislamiento aumentó a 27. Avila había aclarado que de los fallecidos "no podemos decir que necesariamente murieron por la bacteria, pero

la bacteria sí estuvo asociada a su enfermedad".

La semana anterior se presentaron cuatro decesos, en tanto se estima que más de 300 personas han sido infectadas.

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